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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, please amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 4, 6, 7, and 9 based on insufficient antecedent basis for certain limitations. Applicant has corrected each of the items objected to by the Examiner. Specifically, in Claim 4, the word "the" in line 3 has been changed to the word "an", and the word "a" in line 4 has been changed to the word "the" In Claim 6, the word "the" in line 4 has been changed to the word "a". In